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SUBJECT: NEW DCM SELECTED FOR BELGIAN MISSION TO UN

1. AMBASSADOR GEORGE M.J. ELLIOTT HAS BEEN SELECTED TO REPLACE THE DEPARTED RENE J. MERENNE AS DCM OF THE BELGIAN MISSION TO THE UN. APPOINTMENT NOT YET ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY, BUT ELLIOTT PLANS ARRIVE NEW YORK IN EARLY MARCH.

2. FOLLOWING COMMENTS BASED ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE SUPPLEMENT PREVIOUS BIO REPORTING AND ARE DESIGNED TO FILL PLBRL CATEGORY III REQUIREMENT: PHOTO UNAVAILABLE; MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS-NONE KNOWN; POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS-NOT KNOWN, BUT ELLIOTT IS BY CHARACTER A QUIET, CAUTIOUS, CONSERVATIVE PERSON IN PERSONALITY, DRESS, HIS WORK HABITS, AND MOST PROBABLY IN HIS POLITICS; ATTITUDE TOWARD US AND OTHER COUNTRIES-ELLIOTT, WHO HAS SERVED AS CG IN HOUSTON, AND HAS AMERICAN-BORN WIFE, KNOWS THE US WELL. HE ENJOYED HIS PREVIOUS TOUR THERE AND IS DELIGHTED (IN A QUIET WAY) WITH HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT. HE HAS SPENT ONLY ONE AND A HALF YEARS (1974/1975) OUT OF THE LAST 17 IN BELGIUM AND FAR PREFERENCES FOREIGN DUTY OVER SERVICE IN BRUSSELS. HE WAS NOT HAPPY (OR PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE) IN HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT (AS CHIEF OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS) AND WORKED HARD TO BE SENT ABROAD AGAIN. WE BELIEVE HE WILL BE A USEFUL CONTACT AND GOOD COLLEAGUE FOR USUN TO CULTIVATE.

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3. FOR SECSTATE: PREVIOUS BIO REPORTS ON ELLIOTT INCLUDE:

(A) BRUSSELS 1198, SEPT. 13, 1966;

(B) BRUSSELS A-033, JAN. 23, 1970; AND

(C) BRUSSELS 8037, OCT. 16, 1974.

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